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## NOTHING BUT PRAISE

This newspaper has nothing but praise for those brave representatives from Southside Virginia who acted with such dignity and resoluteness during the recent Special Session of the General Assembly, now in recess. They, in our opinion, will gain in the long run, for they have given the Old Dominion a demonstration of responsible leadership, and in the future sessions, their prestige will reflect the respect in which they are held. That these Southside legislators were unable to do more is no discredit to them. It is our fond hope and belief that the Virginia Way of Life is not deceased, and from the shambles of Constitutional Government, they will yet arise a generation of Americans who will replant law as a superior bulwark to expediency. And so it is our opinion, that Southside Virginia is ably represented in our General Assembly.

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## ATTAIN PERSONAL SATISFACTION

There was a day, not so long ago, when every young American was assured that he had a chance to become President of the United States and, if he failed in that, at the worst, he would probably make a million dollars.

The result of this teaching has probably been evil. The generations that have grown on such notions have been inclined to grab for themselves and get all that the law allows, and some of the fruit that the law prohibits.

It is about time that education includes the idea that an individual attains satisfaction, not by getting everything or the highest honors for himself, or herself, but by serving society in his or her place, with distinction. The development of men and women into intelligent creatures, with an understanding of human nature, is a task that most of us complete late in life, if at all.

Maybe, by starting early with the youngsters, we could help them attain a greater goal earlier in life, and that, we admit, is what life is intended to accomplish.

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## THE DAYS GO BY

A noted doctor recently pointed out that Americans spend about $111,000,000 per year on ballpoint pens. We are not opposed to this, but, as Dr. Herman Bundesen noted, this is about five times what we spent on the most deadly riddle of our times—heart disease.

This does not seem exactly right, and we hope that Americans will contribute more liberally to the Heart Fund this year.

There were 877,000 persons of all ages who died of diseases of the heart and blood vessels in 1957. This figure gives you an idea of the seriousness of this single disease, which is claiming too close to a million lives a year.

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## *THE DAY GO BY*

In spite of all we can do the days go by. Or should we mind? Each one brings something new—if you have your eyes open. Just ahead are some interesting days, looking back a few years.

Let's look at some of February's memorable days. On February 5th, back in 1631, Roger Williams landed in Boston. As you may or may not know, Williams believed in religious liberty to a fierce degree. Banished from Massachusetts, he fled to Providence, which he founded, and continued to stand for liberty—the theory that man could not be punished for his conscience. He founded the first Baptist Church in America.

February 6th is the birthday of Aaron Burr, who—remember- killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel. He was Vice President, a U. S. Senator from New York, and held a number of other important offices.

On February 7th, 1892, the first telephone from New York to Chicago was installed. On that day in 1812, Charles Dickens was born at Landport, England.

Peter the Great died February 8, 1725, and the Boy Scouts of America were founded February 8th, 1910. This day this year is Quinquagesima Sunday. The ninth is the birthday anniversary of William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States. He was born in Charles City County, Virginia, in 1773.

Canada was ceded to England February 10th, 1763, February 11th is Ash Wednesday this year. Daniel Boone was born February 11th, 1735, as was the eighth Chief Justice of the United States, Melville Weston Fuller. And Thomas A. Edison was born at Milan, Ohio, February 11th, 1847. Add in the Lincoln and Washington birthdays and St. Valentine's Day, and you have, indeed, a memorable month.

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## *HOW MUCH DO YOU READ?*

Some centuries ago when the art of printing was developed, the way was opened to spread intelligence among the masses of mankind. Up to that time, when Guttenberg used his movable types, information and intelligence belonged to a very exclusive society.

It was presumed, in that far-away day, that the production of books in numbers would make available to every man and woman the opportunity to learn and to know. It was presumed, of course, that men and women would be anxious to assimilate the accumulated knowledge of the ages. Surveys have indicated, however, that nearly half of all Americans do not read books. Recently, in another state, the writer of this editorial had a newly-found friend confess that he had not read a book since he graduated from a state college, in 1931! This fact, despite that more than half of our adults live within almost walking distance of a library. Presumably many Americans, far too many, indeed, are satisfied with what they know—or think they know. They do not bestir themselves to cultivate their minds, and find out anything new.

The making of books has become a mass-production enterprise in the United States. Unfortunately, many of them are of questionable quality. The generation in which we live must learn to become selective in its reading material. Nothing is to be gained by critizing the authors or the publishers of popular volumes. The interest necessary to support and sustain the availability of quality reading material must begin at the grass roots—admittedly a slow process.

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# Washington Notes

**Budget Blues**

The Administration's new spending budget for fiscal 1960 adds up to $121 for every man, woman and child in the country.

This compares with estimated per capita spending of $460 in the current fiscal year.

President Eisenhower has said he expects the national debt to be $285,000,000,000 at the beginning, and end of 1960. Based on official estimates that the population will total 178,700,000 at the midpoint in 1960, the per capita debt would be $1,594 per person.

**Some Milk Prices Rise**

An Agriculture Department survey shows that producer prices of milk used for manufacturing purposes ran above the Government's price support level the last marketing year.

On April 1, the support rate was cut from $3.25 to $3.06 a 100 pounds. But prices averaged about 11 cents above the support level since that time. Officials said this was because excess supplies of such milk have been smaller this year.

**Labor Bill Offered**

Senator John F. Kennedy has offered Congress a labor - management reform bill that he said would make honest men of the racketeers or drive them out of the field.

The bill would impose criminal penalties for false reports of union financial affairs; punish the misuse of union funds; require secret ballot election of officers at regular intervals; prohibit "shakedown" picketing and prohibit solicitation or payment of extortionate fees for unloading cargo from interstate carriers.

**Decorated By Ike**

The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service has been presented by President Eisenhower to five prominent Government employees, among them Dr. Wernher von Braun and Doyle L. Northrup.

Von Braun was honored for helping develop an intercontinental ballistic missile and the first United States satellite; Northrup was recognized for his contribution in developing the nation's system of nuclear detection and surveillance.

**Aid For New Schools**

The projected Administration proposal for a deferred - payment school construction bill has been put before Republican Congressional leaders at the White House.

The plan would run on an amortization basis over a period of years.

**States Reimbursement**

The Administration has offered two methods to reimburse states for 10,500 miles of roads they had contributed to the 41,000-mile Interstate Highway System.

The payments ,if approved by Congress, would total about $4,830,000,000 and start after July 1, 1968.

**Labor-Law Action Hinted**

Changes made in the Labor committee of the new Congress point to increased chances for action on labor-management control legislation and possibly other labor measures as well.

Democrats have increased their margin on the House Labor Committee from 17-13 to 20-10, and on the Senate Labor Committee from 7-6 to 9-6.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

125 North St.,
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The Editor,
Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir,

I would be most pleased to hear from any of your readers who may possess information regarding the Coleman Family of Cumberland and Buckingham Counties. My great-grandfather was Guilelmus Coleman, Jr., of Cnamberland, and his father was Guilielman Coleman Sr., of Buckingham. I have heard that Pocahontas Coleman resided in Buckingham. I have a copy of a bond executed by Peter Francisco in favor of Gulielmus Coleman. My grandfather was John Baptiste Coleman, of Powhatan, who married Arabella Catherine Smith, of Cumberland. I have heard my father, Robeit Gulielmus Coleman, speak of cousins in Appomattox County, but they are unknown to me.

I would be greatly interested in copies of any Family Bible data or any other information possessed by any of your readers.

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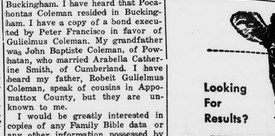

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## Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 2.- My, today is a foggy day. I surely hope they will stay in and not see their shadow so we will have some pretty weather.

I had a card from a lady in Lynchburg Saturday, saying "What's wrong are you sick? No Stonewall in the Appomattox Times this week. Sorry to disappoint her and but I was sick and could not get written and in on time. But, I am again!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Lawson, of Graitsville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Price.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant and children spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stratton Jr., at Covington, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson spent Sunday in Lynchburg with children, Mrs. Cantrell Smith and Mrs. E. O. Showalters and their families.

We are so glad to have Mr. Billy Grant home from Iceland, on a furlough. He has been in the Army almost two years. Hope he will soon come to stay for good. He is one of the fine community boys.

Mr. Winnie Lee, of Harrisonburg, and Miss Laura Carson, of Hollywood College, spent the week-end here with their parents.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Parks Jones has gotten back to her home after being home on the sick list for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dinkard Jr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beard and Mr. Bill Bondurant visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday and the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gaulden and son visited his parents in North Carolina over the week-end.

Rev. T. P. Stanford, of Trinity Baptist Church, Lynchburg, made a talk at Bethel Church Sunday morning, enjoyed by all who heard him.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and two children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis, at Oakville on last Saturday night.

Donald Lee Drinkard, of Staunton School, and Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson received word last week of the illness of Mr Virgil Carson in Roanoke. Hope he will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited their little grandson, Brad Wheeler in Lynchburg, who is sick again, last Saturday.

## Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 2.- Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin were Mr and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, Brenda and Bruce, and Mrs. Lillie Dunaway.

J. L. Thornhill and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited Don Owen in the South Boston Hospital Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Fowler was a visitor of Miss Faye Thornhill Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Dunaway is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Reynolds at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman in Lynchburg.

The W. M. U., No. 1, met Thursday evening in the home of Miss Cattie Harris, with a good attendance. After the program and business session, a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Little Wendy Sperry spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill.

## Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, Rt. 1., Feb. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Webber are the proud parents of a baby girl, Delbra Allen, born January 30, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Little Chucky Webber went to the doctor in Lynchburg Saturday.

**Dairy Cattle Nutrition Research To Be Reviewed**

Highlights of dairy cattle nutrition research will be reviewed by Dr. W. A. Hardison of VPI's dairy science department February 25 at the State Feed and Nutrition Conference at Roanoke.

The two-day conference, February 24 and 25, is arranged for feed dealers, salesmen, and manufacturers.

In discussing dairy cattle feeds and feeding methods, John C. Thompson, in charge of dairy research for Ralston-Purina Company, St. Louis, will review concentrate feeding. At the same session, Dr. Walter E. Thomas, head of dairy husbandry at North Carolina State College, will present the results of research on the effect of the many additives being used in various feeds.

Richard J. Werner, of the Milk Industry Foundation, Washington, D. C., will review the results of surveys on what the homemaker wants in dairy porducts. Dr. H. N. Young, director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station at VPI, will preside at this session.

The conference will include programs dealing with feeding poultry, beef, sheep, and swine as well as dairy cattle. Work shops on each of these commodity groups will be conducted Tuesday evening, February 24.

A. H. S. having another successful basketball season.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here" are the questions asked by Virginia farmers as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station).

Q. Assuming good storages, should I put my corn in storage or sell it now?

A. Corn stocks on farms are at a record high—up to 50% more than this time last year in some of the Atlantic States. Price advances in the next few months will probably be less than the usual seasonal advances, and won't gain much by keeping your corn for sale later.

Q. How can I best guard my cow herd against leptospirosis?

A. This disease is often brought into a herd by cattle from infected herds. Therefore, be careful about buying cattle. Be sure as possible that they are from clearn herds. The disease also is carried by rodents, so a rodent control program will help prevent it.

Q. Should I use the heptachlor-fertilizer mixture now to control the alfalfa weevil, or wait until the weevil is present in my fields before treating?

A. In most areas of Virginia, it will be best to go ahead and use the heptachlor-fertilizer mixture or the granular heptachlor now. However, if you already have equipment for spraying later, or if you are located in an area which has not yet been infested, you can wait.

Q. Will bulk fertilizer dealers mix heptachlor with fertilizer for bulk spreading to control the alfalfa weevil?

A. No, not any time soon. At the present the mixture must be bagged for state inspection.

S. How toxic is the heptachlor-fertilizer mixture used to control the weevil in alfalfa, and what precautions should be taken?

A. It is fairly toxic, as are all insecticides. Do not inhale the dust, wash your hands and clothes after using it, and otherwise observe the usual precautions.

Q. Should flue-cured tobacco be sidedressed? If so, with what?

A. It is not always necessary to sidedress flue-cured tobacco. It depends on the weather, the initial application of fertilizer, soil texture, etc. If you think it needs sidedressing, use 8-0-24.

Q. Can small grain be topdressed with liquid or solid forms of nitrogen when the ground is frozen without danger of loss of the nitrogen?

A. Yes. The only trouble would come if a heavy washing rain occurred before the ground was thawed enough for the nitrogen to work into the soil.

Q. What methods are used in applying granular heptachlor for weevil control?

A. It can be applied with fertilizer-lime spreaders, or (when only small acreages are involuved) with hand-operated or tractor - mounted cyclone-type seeders. If the spreader has a seeder box attachment, the granulated heptachlor can be delivered from this hopper, and the fertilizer from the fertilizer - lime hopper.

**PASTURE SEEDING TIME IS NIGH IN SOME AREAS**

Farmers in some areas of Virginia will soon be seeding pasture.

John P. Shoulders, Jr., pasture specialist at VPI, says February 1 is the date signal for southern Piedmont and eastern Virginia farmers to start seeding pasture crops. In northern Piedmont and western Virginia, March 1, is the starting date.

Shoulders has several pasture tips:

Apply lime if needed, as shown by soil test, at least 30 days before seeding. Plow or disk it into the soil. Apply fertilizer, also as indicated by soil test. On heavy soils and soils of high fertility, 800 to 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12 will usually be needed. On light soils, sandy soils, and soils of low fertility, apply generally 1,000 pounds or more of 5-10-10. On very poor soils, additional phosptate or potash may be needed. If so ,apply it and plow down before seeding.

Encourage deep root growth by plowing down 1-2 or more of the lime and fertilizer. The rest should be applied and harrowed in just before seeding. Harrow and roll until seedbed is firm.

Any one of several mixtures can be used, depending on the soil, and the expected use of the forage. Good pasture mixtures include: 6 to 12 pounds of orchard grass or tall fescue, 1 to 2 pounds ladino, 2 to 3 pounds red clover, and 5 to 8 pounds of alfalfa; or 6 to 12 pounds orchard grass or fescue, 10 pounds lespedeza, and 1 pound ladino or white clover. Other mixtures are listed in Circular 739, "Mixtures for Year-Round Feeding," and in leaflet 40, "Here's How to Seed That Pasture." Ask your county agent, or write the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg, for a free copy.

Farmville H. S. springs upset to defeat favored Buckingham Central H. S. basketball team.

Virginia General Assembly votes to repeal the state compulsory school attendance law. Bill signed by Gov. Almond.

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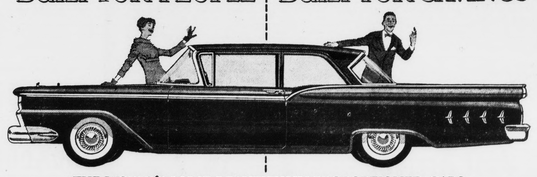

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